

NEW JERSEY

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)											
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____						COUNTY OF _____			CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §		
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.											
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)						6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.)					
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)						b. SEX c. RACE					
d. DATE OF BIRTH		e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER				f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)					
M	M	D	D	Y	Y						
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)											
a. YEAR		b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP				c. STATE		d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)			
						A					
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)						a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY					
						M M D D Y Y					
b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box)						D					
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE						d. STATE					
e. COUNTY OR PARISH						f. ZIP CODE (9-digit, if known)					
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)											
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)						8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT X only one: a, b, c or d I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions) a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent. b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S. c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent. d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement. f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated. g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. h. The information on this form is true and complete. i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT E j. DATE M M D D Y Y X					
						9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law)					
						DATE SIGNED M M D D Y Y					

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. You must complete all shaded areas.

A. Do not leave blank. Enter "N/A" if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

B. Provide the complete street address of your New Jersey voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station." This address must be different from the one provided in Item 4 and

must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

C. Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address. Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.

D. Check ONE box.

E. You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of New Jersey and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

B. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You may use a single FPCA to request ballots for all elections in a calendar year (for local, state and Federal offices).

New Jersey accepts your FPCA for registration and absentee ballot requests.

If you want an absentee ballot sent to you by airmail, the county clerk must receive your FPCA request not later than 30 days before the election. (See Section D. below for a later deadline if using electronic transmission.)

If you are stationed overseas and want a ballot sent to you by fax, the county clerk must receive your FPCA request not later than 4 days before the election. (See Section D. below for more details.)

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the county board of elections office by the close of polls on election day.

County clerks mail absentee ballots as far as practicable, 40 days before the election.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your ballot from the state in a timely manner, for a general election for Federal office, you may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instructions in Chapter 2, page 12.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- If you are overseas, New Jersey allows you to send the FPCA request for an absentee ballot for Federal offices by fax. You must also submit the original FPCA by airmail to the appropriate county clerk.
- If you are overseas, New Jersey allows you to receive the blank federal ballot by fax. If you wish to receive the blank ballot by fax, the county clerk must receive your FPCA not later than 4 days before the election.
- If you are overseas, New Jersey allows you to return the voted ballot by fax, not later than 8 p.m. (EST) on election day. You must also submit the original ballot by airmail together with certification.

Please refer to Appendix C for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. Use only the following numbers:

DSN 223-5527
(703) 693-5527
1-800-368-8683

F. Application For Ballot By Proxy

Your friends or relatives may apply for an absentee ballot on your behalf by requesting an "Application by Relative or Friend of a Military Service Voter" form from your county clerk.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

The following procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of New Jersey and overseas Federal election voters. The term "overseas Federal election voter(s)" means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S., and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in New Jersey.

- civilians attached to the Armed Forces outside the U.S. and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them.

Notify Your Local Election Official About Your Current Mailing Address

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Any person who has been declared to be mentally disqualified from voting, by a court of competent jurisdiction; or a person who is serving a sentence, is on probation or parole, as a result of a conviction for an indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the U.S., may not register to vote.

B. Late Registration

Discharged military personnel (including their spouses and dependents) and released civilians attached to or serving with the Armed Forces (including their spouses and dependents) who return to New Jersey too late to register on the last registration day before any election may still register and obtain an emergency voting form at the office of the county commissioner of registration, if individual was previously registered to vote in New Jersey. If individual was not previously registered to vote, he or she may obtain an emergency voting form upon presentation of his/her discharge or certification of service.

C. Where To Send It

If you are not currently registered to vote and are using the FPCA to register to vote and to request an absentee Ballot, or if you do not know the county of your former voting residence, mail your application to the state division of election at PO Box 304, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

The FPCA requesting an absentee ballot is to be mailed to the County Clerk of the county in which you were formally registered.

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Atlantic	5901 Main Street, Mays Landing	08330-1797
Bergen	One Bergen Plaza, Room 122, Hackensack	07601
Burlington	Court Complex, PO Box 6000, 49 Rancocas Road, Mount Holly	08060-1397
Camden	Election Div., 6th St. Entrance, Suite 316 PO Box 150, Camden	08101-0150
Cape May	7 N. Main Street, PO Box 5000, Cape May Courthouse	08210-5000
Cumberland	PO Box 716, 60 W. Broad St., Bridgeton	08302-2665
Essex	465 King Blvd, Room 247, Newark	07102-1795
Gloucester	Ct.House, 1st Floor, PO Box 129, 1 North Broad St., Woodbury	08096-3327
Hudson	583 Newark Avenue Jersey City	07306-2018
Hunterdon	71 Main Street, Hall of Records, Flemington	08822-1495
Mercer	Court House, PO Box 8068, 209 S. Broad Street, Trenton	08650-8068

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Middlesex	PO Box 1110, 75 Bayard St., 4th Fl. New Brunswick	08901-1110
Monmouth	300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold	07728-1254
Morris	PO Box 315, Court Street, Morristown	07963-0315
Ocean	PO Box 2191, Court House, Rm. 105 118 Washington St., Toms River	08754-2191
Passaic	401 Grand Street, Paterson	07505
Salem	92 Market St., PO Box 18, Salem	08079-1913
Somerset	PO Box 3000, 20 Grove St., Administration Building, Somerville	08876-1262
Sussex	4 Park Place, Newton	07860-1795
Union	Court House, 1st Fl., Rom 115, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth	07207-6099
Warren	413 Second Street, Court House, Belvidere	07823-1500

A Vote Is A Terrible Thing To Waste!

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